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Additional Applicant Notes: The Budget Template lists year 1 as January 1st 2025, to June 30th, 2025, and year 2 as July 1st 2025, to December 31st 2025, which are 6 month lengths of time, contradicting the label of year that is listed.	

SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

For additional information see:

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1. Is your agency a certified small or small diverse business with the Pennsylvania Department of General Services?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If no, is your agency independently owned?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If no, does your agency employ less than 100 employees?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If no, does your business exceed three (3) year average gross revenues of \$38.5 million?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2. Is your agency a certified Veteran or Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business with the Pennsylvania Department of General Services?	
If no, is your agency 51% veteran owned?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3. Is your agency for profit?	
4. Is your agency independently owned?	
5. Is your agency women owned?	
6. Is your agency minority owned?	
7. Is your agency owned by a disabled individual?	
8. Is your agency owned by a member of the LGBTQ community?	
Additional Applicant Notes: As a nonprofit, the majority of these questions are not applicable as we do not have an owner. Though the nonprofit is founded and led by a minority women with a disability.	



Project Description:

Statement of Need: A significant portion of Philadelphians grapple with the interconnected challenges of substance use disorder (SUD), housing insecurity, and mental health issues. The impact of SUD on Philadelphians is starkly evident when examining local overdose trends, correlations between overdose rates and demographics, as well as the utilization of treatment and supportive housing services post-recovery. According to the 2022 Unintentional Drug Overdose Fatalities in Philadelphia Report by the Philadelphia Department of Health, there were 387 overdose deaths in 2010, which escalated to 1276 in 2021, and further spiked to 1413 in 2022. Moreover, in 2022, over half of all overdose fatalities in Philadelphia resulted from polysubstance use, primarily involving stimulants and opioids.

Data also reveals disproportionately high rates of SUD among Black Philadelphians, signaling a pressing need for systemic policy reforms. The Philadelphia Department of Health highlights a concerning rise in overdose fatalities within the city's communities of color. In 2021, there was a notable surge in overdose deaths among non-Hispanic Black individuals, outpacing other demographic groups, and this trend exacerbated in 2022. Overdose fatalities among non-Hispanic Blacks surged by 87%, while those among Hispanics increased by 43%, in stark contrast to a decrease among non-Hispanic Whites (Philadelphia Department of Health, September 2023).

For many individuals, SUD precipitates housing instability, exacerbating trauma and mental health challenges, while for others, housing insecurity, trauma, and mental health issues contribute to the development of SUD. These issues are deeply intertwined and often coalesce. Despite a previous decline in homelessness across Philadelphia, recent years have witnessed a concerning reversal in this trend. The number of individuals experiencing homelessness surged by 14% from 2021 to 2022 and continued to rise in subsequent years. This surge aligns with an increase in overdose fatalities, underscoring the complex interplay of these issues and the additional challenges they pose to resolution (Philadelphia Overdose Response 2023 Action Plan).

The parallel nature of these challenges casts a light on the state of the opioid epidemic in Philadelphia. However, it also underscores the interconnectedness of these issues, suggesting that addressing one problem can have cascading benefits for addressing others, as well as underscoring the need for resources and services to address these challenges.

Service Summary:

Savage Sisters' ability to deliver the services and resources that address SUD and housing insecurity for Philadelphians is rooted in its established infrastructure, including a drop-in center in Kensington, Philadelphia, operational since November 2022, as well as 38 mobile outreach events conducted monthly across Philadelphia and neighboring counties. As well as 11 trauma-informed recovery homes throughout the Philadelphia area, and statewide overdose prevention and reversal training to the public in Pennsylvania. The drop-in center is based in Kensington, which over the past several years, has become the epicenter of drug use and sales in



Philadelphia, with hundreds of unhoused individuals openly using illicit substances in a minority neighborhood with high crime and poverty rates.

Savage Sisters outreach Harm Reduction program serves as a vital hub for distributing harm reduction supplies and essential items during mobile outreach events, facilitating linkage to additional care, and providing access to wound care and showers through two RV Mobile Public Health Vans, and the drop-in-center. Having a physical location has significantly enhanced our outreach efforts, offering a space to store and prepare materials, as well as a safe and comfortable environment to support participants awaiting linkage to additional care, such as placement in local rehabilitation facilities.

In 2023 alone, Savage Sisters served 8,496 individuals at the Kensington drop-in center, with 2,207 receiving wound care services and 1,738 accessing showers and clean clothing. However, due to the impending closure of the center in September 2024, Savage Sisters is dedicated to maintaining its commitment to supporting individuals' health, wellness, and safety by transitioning services to a new centralized location, outside of Kensington. Beyond offering essential services such as showers, clean clothing, restrooms, and wound care, the drop-in center provides internet and landline telephone access, as well as basic needs items like water and healthy snacks. Additionally, the center serves as a venue for community meetings, overdose prevention education sessions, and serves as a centralized hub for scheduled outreach events.

Despite initially operating without grant funding, Savage Sisters received a \$100,000 grant from the Scattergood Foundation in Spring 2023, which supported the hiring of two harm reduction coordinators. However, with the conclusion of this grant coinciding with the lease expiration in September 2024, securing additional funding and a new space is imperative to sustain and expand operations. Savage Sisters is committed to continuing its critical services and outreach efforts, ensuring continuity of care and support for individuals impacted by homelessness, substance use issues, and related challenges in Philadelphia and beyond.

Planned Objectives and Outcomes: Based on the robust engagement observed during our mobile outreach events in West Philadelphia and its surrounding areas, coupled with feedback from participants and local stakeholders, we have identified West Philadelphia as the optimal location for establishing the new drop-in center. Our objective is to serve a minimum of 20 unique participants daily at the new facility for the first six months, and 25 to 30 a day in the last 6 months. Among these participants, during the first six months we anticipate approximately five individuals will utilize wound care services, eight will access showers, and at least one will accept linkage to additional care each day. Additionally, we expect around twenty participants to utilize the space as a place to send and receive mail during the first 6 months.

During the first 6 months on a monthly basis, we anticipate the drop-in center will engage with an average of four hundred participants, with approximately eighty individuals receiving wound care, 128 accessing shower facilities, and sixteen participants utilizing linkage to additional care services. These additional services encompass transportation and access to drug and alcohol treatment centers, evaluation facilities, hospitals, Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) providers, or sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing sites. In the second half of the year, we expect those numbers to slightly increase. When we opened our drop-in-center in Kensington,



after operating for a few weeks, once people got to know us and learned of the services we offered, they came more often, and informed their peers of the availability of the space and associated services and resources. By strategically locating the drop-in center in West Philadelphia and aligning our services with the identified needs of the community, we aim to provide vital support and resources to individuals experiencing homelessness, substance use issues, and related challenges throughout the Philadelphia area..

Points of Entry: Savage Sisters' drop-in center will operate on an open-access basis, ensuring that individuals seeking assistance face no eligibility restrictions in accessing our resources and services. The primary point of entry to our drop-in center will be through walk-ins, allowing anyone in need to directly access the support they require. Additionally, participants are referred to our space by peer nonprofit organizations such as the Police Assisted Diversion program, Prevention Point, and Unity Recovery.

Furthermore, participants engaged during our 38 monthly street-based outreach events across the greater Philadelphia area will be informed of and offered transportation to our drop-in center. For instance, during these outreach events, participants often utilize our team's wound care services. However, after receiving treatment, they may find themselves without access to clean clothing. In response, our staff informs participants about the availability of showers and fresh clothing at our drop-in center and offers transportation to those interested. This ensures continuity of care and provides individuals with the opportunity to address multiple needs in a supportive environment.

Care Coordination: Savage Sisters' Housing, Harm Reduction, and Education programs operate through collaborative efforts and partnerships with various entities within Philadelphia's public health, first responder, harm reduction, and recovery sectors. Notable collaborations include partnerships with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, whose team has actively participated in our outreach events to provide individuals we serve with access to Covid-19 and Hepatitis A vaccines.

Additionally, we collaborate with the Philadelphia Police Department's Police Assisted Diversion program, Prevention Point, Merakey, Courage Medicine, and numerous other providers to coordinate and refer outreach and drop-in center participants to access clinical services, low-barrier housing, and additional care and support.

Our educational program has engaged with several of Philadelphia's high schools, including Palumbo, Carver, and Friends Central, as well as local universities such as Villanova University, Saint Joseph's University, Temple University, La Salle University, The College of New Jersey, and various places of worship and businesses. These partnerships aim to educate stakeholders on how to combat the stigmatization of drug use and equip them with the knowledge to prevent and reverse overdoses.

Furthermore, we are fortunate to receive support from several funding organizations, including Vital Strategies, Van Ameringen Foundation, the Scattergood Foundation, Patricia Kind Family Foundation, The University of Baltimore, and United Way EFSP, whose contributions enable us to sustain and expand our programs and services. These partnerships and collaborations are



integral to our mission of providing comprehensive support to individuals impacted by homelessness, substance use issues, and related challenges in Philadelphia.

Fostering engagement: Savage Sisters' programs have evolved organically in response to the daily challenges faced by individuals in our community affected by substance use disorder and housing insecurity. Each program is crafted with a practical and compassionate focus, drawing insights from the lived experiences of our team members. Many of our staff and volunteers have walked the same paths as those we serve, intimately understanding the struggles of housing insecurity, substance misuse, overdoses, drug-related wounds, illness, hunger, and the lack of a stable home. Throughout every interaction, our staff actively inform participants about available resources and services while prioritizing the establishment of rapport and trust.

In addition to leveraging lived experiences as a cornerstone of service provision, our programs incorporate a variety of evidence-based practices. For instance, during our street-based outreach events, staff and volunteers distribute harm reduction materials, including injection and smoking kits. Research from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) underscores the effectiveness of syringe distribution programs in reducing incidences of HIV and Hepatitis C by approximately fifty percent overall. Moreover, when combined with medications to treat opioid use disorder (MOUD), these programs contribute to a two-thirds decrease in infectious disease rates (CDC SSPs, Jan 11 2023). Individuals with consistent access to such programs are over five times more likely to enter treatment for SUD and three times more likely to reduce or discontinue injection drug use. Furthermore, evidence suggests that individuals who engage with nurses or harm reductionists at these facilities are more inclined to access primary care services (CDC SSPs, Jan 11 2023).

Additionally, our staff are trained to provide transportation to additional services, particularly MAT services, STI testing, and drug and alcohol treatment, both during street-based outreach events and at our drop-in center. A 2021 study published in the Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment underscores the impact of transportation barriers on access to healthcare and treatment among people who use drugs, affecting millions nationwide. While research on the efficacy of non-medical transportation to treatment is limited, the study suggests that transportation services are more effective when paired with other interventions aimed at reducing social and economic barriers to health, such as readily accessible harm reduction supplies through mobile units and drop-in centers (Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, 2021 pg 2). The expansion of such services is crucial in engaging individuals historically excluded from accessing healthcare. When combined with MOUD, non-traditional, low-threshold services like harm reduction drop-in centers show promising potential to reach those most in need of support. Additionally, individuals utilizing MOUD are less likely to experience fatal outcomes in long-term treatment with methadone or buprenorphine compared to when they are left untreated, indicating a reduction of approximately fifty percent in mortality rates (NCBI).

Non SUD Services: While some of the resources provided at our drop-in center, including basic needs support, hygiene services, and wound care, are not specifically tailored to substance use disorder (SUD), they are undeniably linked to SUD services. For instance, the prevalence of the animal tranquilizer Xylazine in Philadelphia's drug supply, estimated to be present in 91-99% of cases, underscores this connection. Regardless of the mode of consumption, Xylazine contributes



to a compromised immune system and the development of painful wounds and ulcers on an individual's skin. It exacerbates the risk of overdose and induces severe withdrawal symptoms that do not respond to standard opioid withdrawal medications. One approach to addressing this issue is by providing consistent access to wound care services and showers, which, while not directly associated with SUD services, play a crucial role in facilitating the healing process for these wounds. Apart from wound care services, showers, access to a phone, and healthy snacks, there are no additional services offered that are not directly related to SUD care.

Implementation Capacity and Plan:

Savage Sisters currently operates three key programs: Harm Reduction, Housing, and Education. Within the Harm Reduction program, we conduct 38 street-based outreach events monthly across Philadelphia and Delaware County, in addition to operating a Drop-In Center in Kensington four days a week. Our Housing program comprises eleven trauma-informed transitional recovery homes, providing residents with resources, services, and an environment conducive to long-term recovery. Lastly, our Education program focuses on overdose prevention and reversal training statewide, with an emphasis on educating students in high schools and colleges.

Of these programs, our Harm Reduction initiative is most pertinent to this project. With over five years of experience, Savage Sisters has been delivering harm reduction services to the Philadelphia community through street-based Outreach events. In 2023 alone, we led 129 Outreach events, serving an estimated 12,990 participants. Leveraging the collective expertise gained from our Drop-In Center and Outreach events, we are well-positioned to utilize our experience in public health and harm reduction to effectively implement the services offered by this project.

Having successfully opened a drop-in center in Philadelphia in November 2022, which provided resources and services to individuals grappling with housing insecurity and substance use disorder, our team is familiar with the steps required to open and maintain such a facility. With our existing drop-in center scheduled to close at the end of September 2024, funding from this program will enable us to establish and operate a similar space in a different part of the city, with a launch in January 2025. The process entails obtaining support and feedback from local stakeholders, securing a suitable lease, transporting materials from the current center to the new location, and completing setup by February 1st, 2025. Setup tasks include hiring subcontractors to install a shower in the drop-in center, modify the bathroom as necessary, and install storage space and shelving in the basement.

In addition to physical setup, Savage Sisters will recruit and train additional staff to manage daily operations. Currently, our team consists of 12 employees, with two overseeing day-to-day tasks at the drop-in center and five providing support. The drop-in center Manager plays a pivotal role in daily operations, including opening the space, managing participant shower and wound care schedules, coordinating with volunteers, and facilitating linkage to additional care services. Our current manager, Victoria McDowell, draws from her personal experiences with addiction and recovery to connect with participants and provide compassionate support.



The Harm Reduction Coordinator assists the drop-in center Manager in daily operations, preparing and distributing materials, maintaining cleanliness, collecting participant feedback, and building rapport. Our current coordinator, Jose Castillo, brings bilingual proficiency, lived experience in addiction and recovery, and a commitment to serving the community. The Executive Assistant coordinates scheduling and volunteers, ensuring efficient operations and liaising with external partners. Notably, the assistant facilitates volunteer medical professionals' involvement in wound care services. Our Executive Director leverages her lived experience in addiction and recovery to engage directly with participants, advocate for their needs, and cultivate partnerships with service providers and donors.

Our Programs Director contributes to daily operations, developing procedures, training staff and volunteers, managing supplies, and conducting overdose reversal training. Moreover, the Community Health Care Worker delivers wound care services at the drop-in center and outreach events. While our current capacity limits on-site wound care provision, plans to expand staffing will enhance service accessibility. The Director of Operations assists with administrative responsibilities, including managing funds for drop-in-center related expenses, and communicating with fund providers, be they grantors or donors.

The Executive Director of Savage Sisters plays a vital role in the operational oversight of our drop-in center. Drawing upon her personal journey through active addiction and recovery, she leverages her lived experience to establish meaningful connections with the individuals we serve. Additionally, she actively communicates the mission and work of Savage Sisters directly to participants, fostering transparency and trust within the community. Furthermore, the Executive Director spearheads the development of innovative strategies to address the ongoing challenges faced by our participants, and shares what those challenges and solutions are with peer organizations and entities. Notably, she played a central role in raising awareness of the prevalence of Xylazine contamination in Philadelphia's drug supply, advocating for the implementation of wound care services at both our drop-in center and street-based outreach events. In addition to her advocacy efforts, the Executive Director cultivates new relationships with service and resource providers, including MAT providers, evaluation clinics, and STI testing facilities. This collaborative approach ensures that Savage Sisters can offer comprehensive support to our participants. Moreover, the Executive Director is tasked with securing monetary and in-kind donations to sustain our drop-in center beyond the duration of grant programs. Her proactive approach to fundraising ensures the continued availability of essential resources and services for our community.

Though our current drop-in center has achieved considerable success in serving participants, challenges persist in linking them to additional care, beautification efforts, data collection, and wound care provision. While volunteers have supported our efforts, sustainability necessitates enhanced staffing. Consequently, we plan to redirect volunteer focus to outreach events, employing two additional staff members to support drop-in center operations by January 2025. The first hire, a Community Health Care Worker, will provide wound care services and participant support.

The second hire, a Harm Reduction Navigator, will collect participant feedback, manage collection of operational data including number of visitors per day, number of wound care



participants per day, and number of wound care participants per day. They are also responsible for linking participants to additional care, such as to a drug and alcohol treatment center, an MOUD provider, STI testing, case management, obtaining ID, obtaining birth certificates, and linking to other behavioral health service providers. Additionally, they are responsible for communicating with partners and peers in the field, including entities referring participants to our facility that are already behavioral health services.

In summary, Savage Sisters' step-by-step plan to open a new drop-in center involves securing support, leasing a facility, furnishing and setting up the space, hiring and training staff, and commencing operations. Through collaborative efforts and strategic planning, we are committed to expanding our services to better serve individuals in need within the community.

Budget Narrative: Savage Sisters Recovery, Inc. is requesting **\$621,021.60** to support the opening of a drop-in-center.

Period 1

The budgeted expenses for Period One are \$321,160.80 and include **\$182,728 for Personnel Services**. **\$18,272.80** is for **Fringe Benefits** at 10% of staff salary, specifically 6% for health, 1% dental, 1% vision, 2% unemployment, and 2% FICA. **\$2,200** is for **Consultant Services** consisting of \$1,000 for four hours of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training, and \$1,200 for eight hours of Participant Engagement training for drop-in-center staff. **\$14,000 is for Subcontract Services**, \$1,000 of which is for shower installation and bathroom upgrade, and \$3,000 of which is for storage and shelving installation in the basement. **\$52,060 is for Supplies**, which include \$3,000 for general maintenance and repair supplies for the building, \$5,000 for office materials such as laptops and tablets, \$13,000 is for wound care materials to provide five participants with wound care costing approximately \$20 per participants in supplies given the in-kind donations of wound care supplies. \$14,560 for hygiene and shower items like shampoo, conditioner, and body wipes. With eight showers per day for 130 days, it costs about \$14 per shower. \$3,000 is for Beautification materials consisting of shovels, rakes, grabbers, trash bags, utility gloves, sharps containers, brooms, and dustpans. \$12,000 is for the purchase of Healthy Snacks to provide participants with approximately 20 snack kits that cost \$5 each per day for 13 days. \$1,500 is for Cleaning Supplies to maintain a sanitary space throughout the drop-in-center, especially in the wound care and bathroom areas. **\$8,700 is to cover Travel expenses**, which include \$7,200 in expenses related to transporting participants through Uber Health, and \$1,500 in expenses related to staff travel. **\$43,200 is for Other Costs**, of which \$2,000 is for postage and shipping related to the mailing services to be offered to participants, \$900 for the purchase and installation of a phone and phone service for participants to utilize. \$25,800 is for the space, which consists of an estimated \$3000 for rent per month for six months plus \$6,000 for last month's rent and a security deposit, with an additional \$1,800 for utilities including gas, water, electric, and internet. \$2,000 is for printing and reproduction for the development and printing of designs, flyers, and campaigns related to the drop in center, \$2,500 is for Outreach related to planned listening sessions. \$2,000 is for advertising for website development and design to add information about the new drop-in-center and related services on Savage Sisters website. \$8,000 is for liability and property Insurance related to the drop-in-center.

Period 2



The budgeted expenses for Period Two are **\$299,860.80** and include **\$182,728** for **Personnel Services**. **\$18,272.80** is for **Fringe Benefits** at 10% of staff salary, specifically 6% for health, 1% dental, 1% vision, 2% unemployment, and 2% FICA. **\$48,160** is for **Supplies**, which include \$3,000 for general maintenance and repair supplies for the building, \$2,000 for office materials such as laptops and tablets, \$13,000 is for wound care materials to provide five participants with wound care costing approximately \$20 per participants in supplies given the in-kind donations of wound care supplies, and \$14,560 for hygiene and shower items like shampoo, conditioner, and body wipes. \$2,100 is for Beautification materials consisting of shovels, rakes, grabbers, trash bags, utility gloves, sharps containers, brooms, and dustpans. \$12,000 is for the purchase of Healthy Snacks to provide participants with approximately 20 snack kits that cost \$5 each per day for 13 days. \$1,500 is for Cleaning Supplies to maintain a sanitary space throughout the drop-in-center, especially in the wound care and bathroom areas. **\$8,700** is to cover **Travel expenses**, which include \$7,200 in expenses related to transporting participants through Uber Health, and \$1,500 in expenses related to staff travel. **\$42,000** is for **Other Costs**, of which \$4,000 is for postage and shipping related to the mailing services to be offered to participants, \$500 for phone service for participants to utilize. \$2,000 is for printing and reproduction for the development and printing of designs, flyers, and campaigns related to the drop in center. \$25,800 is for the space, which consists of an estimated \$3000 for rent per month for six months plus \$6,000 for last month's rent and a security deposit, with an additional \$1,800 for utilities including gas, water, electric, and internet. \$2,500 is for Outreach related to planned listening sessions. \$1,000 is for advertising for website development and design to add information about the new drop-in-center and related services on Savage Sisters website. \$8,000 is for liability and property Insurance related to the drop-in-center.

Reporting Requirements: (10 percent):

Savage Sisters has developed a systematic approach to assess the effectiveness of each of our three programs individually. For our Housing program, we gauge success by monitoring the graduation rate of residents and examining how it corresponds to the various services we provide. In evaluating our Education program, we solicit feedback from participants through Google Forms to assess satisfaction levels and retention of information.

The evaluation of our Harm Reduction program involves convening regular committee meetings where members analyze current drug trends in our service areas, review feedback collected from participants during outreach events and at our drop-in center, and assess monthly progress reports. During our weekly Outreach events, and at our drop-in-center our participants have the opportunity to provide direct feedback via optional Google Forms accessible on tablets. These forms inquire about participants' resource needs and interest in receiving follow-up assistance in accessing treatment, enabling us to tailor our strategies and activities accordingly.

Savage Sisters' approach to collecting and reporting the required information outlined in the Reporting Requirements section builds upon our existing data collection processes, augmented by additional staffing to ensure consistent data gathering. Currently, our staff records daily metrics such as the number of drop-in center visitors, utilization of wound care services, shower usage, and acceptance of linkage to additional care. Additionally, demographic information and feedback are collected from willing participants on a daily basis.



Upon commencing operations at the proposed new drop-in center, we will expand our data tracking and reporting efforts to include metrics such as participants utilizing mail services, obtaining identifications and birth certificates, and accessing various additional care services such as drug and alcohol treatment centers, MOUD providers, and STI testing. Furthermore, we will track referrals from other behavioral health service providers to our facility.

The newly appointed Harm Reduction Navigator will oversee the implementation of daily surveys at the drop-in center, gathering demographic information and data on participants' resource needs, recent treatment history, veteran status, emergency room visits, and other pertinent details. This information will be reported to Savage Sisters' Outreach committee and leadership, as well as to the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP), on a monthly basis.

Project Sustainability: (10 percent):

Savage Sisters launched a drop-in center in Kensington in November 2022 without the aid of grant funding, relying instead on grassroots efforts such as person-to-person fundraising, social media campaigns, and community-driven fundraising initiatives. Thanks to our strong reputation within the communities we serve, we successfully garnered the necessary funding and resources to establish the space. Subsequently, we secured a one-year grant from the Scattergood Foundation and the City of Philadelphia to support staffing expenses and partial material costs for the drop-in center.

Upon receiving this additional funding, we promptly expanded our operational days and hours, resulting in a notable increase in daily participants, surging from 15 to nearly 65 individuals. With the assistance of grant funding from this program, we aim to replicate our success by opening another drop-in center and securing the essential materials and staff required to sustain its operations. As we prepare for the conclusion of funding from this program, our team remains hopeful that we can secure funding from this grant to open and operate a new space with the knowledge that staff are available to meet the needs of the people we serve. While hopeful, we also remain steadfastly committed to our proven strategies of person-to-person fundraising and grant writing to ensure the long-term sustainability of our initiatives.

Diverse Populations Engagement / Health Equity: (10 percent):

Savage Sisters is committed to continually fostering an environment of inclusiveness, diversity, and health equity in a number of ways. Our staff and team members have been required to participate in diversity training, paid for by Savage Sisters. Since obtaining one in 2021, we have required staff to attend one at least on an annual basis. We maintain a diverse supplier network policy, and we maintain a Racial Discrimination clause in our written bylaws, and codes of conduct. The Racial Discrimination clause outlines our response to racial disparities and ensures that there is zero tolerance for racial discrimination amongst our staff and team. Savage Sisters Recovery Inc aims to maintain a diverse supply network. We are committed to collaborating with diverse suppliers that bring ingenuity and new perspective along with best in class products at competitive pricing. Prioritized suppliers include: Minority-owned Business Enterprise (MBE), Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE), Veteran-owned Business Enterprise (VBE), Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender (LGBT), and Disabled-owned Business Enterprises.



Philadelphia is a diverse community, and the demographics we serve are no different. Some raw demographics of our Harm Reduction program: Approximately 76% of the participants we serve at Outreach and at our Storefront are unhoused, 9% are at a shelter, 7% are couch surfing, 7% have a house or apartment, and 1% was about to be evicted. 27% have been to a drug and alcohol treatment facility in the last 90 days. 96% have been previously incarcerated. 57% have visited the hospital in the last 30 days. 91% had previously attended a Savage Sisters Outreach event. 58% are white, 28% are black, 9% are hispanic, 3% are two or more races, 1% are american indian or alaskan native, and 1% are other. 89% are from Pennsylvania, and 85% are from Philadelphia. 10% requested and received transportation to the hospital or to drug and alcohol treatment. Resources most commonly requested as needing more of or needing in general include winter clothes / jackets, transportation to treatment, a blanket, showers, a place to go to the bathroom, socks, syringes, and housing.

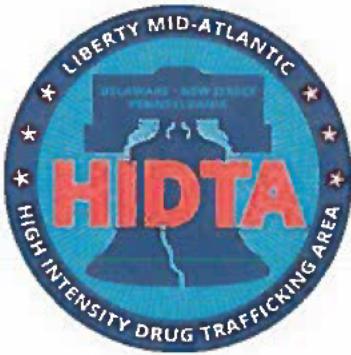
To strengthen our ties to the diverse community we operate in, and to increase our awareness of the perspectives and desires of our community, listening sessions will be hosted by Savage Sisters team leaders throughout West philadelphia. Sessions will take place before the drop-in-center is opened, and after it has been open for at least 6 months. At the session Savage Sisters will have a chance to share who we are and what our mission is, who the participants are, and what we would like to offer at the drop-in-center. Local stakeholder and community members will also be provided a time to share their feedback, input, and hopes.

Savgae Sisters • Project Evaluation

Use the below to provide proposed overall grant funded initiative SMART (Specific/Measurable/Achievable/Realistic/Timebound) Goals and with desired outcome(s) for each SMART goal. There is space available for three (3) SMART Goals and three (3) Proposed Types of Data for Evaluation

SMART Goal 1	Provide 25 participants a day with services and resources at the drop-in-center			
Desired Outcome(s) per day	<i>Desired Outcome 1</i>	<i>Desired Outcome 2</i>	<i>Desired Outcome 3</i>	<i>Desired Outcome 4</i>
	Five participants utilize wound care services.	Eight participants utilize shower access.	One participant accepts the offer of linkage to care.	Twenty participants will utilize the space to send and receive mail in 6 months.
SMART Goal 2	Conduct overdose prevention and reversal training at the drop-in-center for volunteers, participants, and members of the public at least once per week.			
Desired Outcome(s)	<i>Desired Outcome 1</i>	<i>Desired Outcome 2</i>	<i>Desired Outcome 3</i>	<i>Desired Outcome 4</i>
	Reduce overdose deaths in the greater Philadelphia area.	Reduce the stigma surrounding substance use disorder.	Increase the number of Pennsylvanians that carry Naloxone and know how to use it.	Ensure individuals at risk of overdose have Naloxone and know how to effectively administer it.
SMART Goal 3	Provide at least five participants with wound care and eight participants with shower access per day, and 20 participants with mail access in 6 months.			
Desired Outcome(s)	<i>Desired Outcome 1</i>	<i>Desired Outcome 2</i>	<i>Desired Outcome 3</i>	<i>Desired Outcome 4</i>
	Reduce the spread of infectious disease throughout the Philadelphia area.	Increase participants ability to access drug and alcohol treatment centers	Reduce the danger wounds pose to participants, including their risk of limb loss.	Participants accessing mail services at our facility will develop a strong rapport and trust with our staff, increasing their likelihood of accepting resources leading to recovery.

Type of Data	Tool and Process for Data Collection	Data Collection's Purpose/Use	Data Use or Application	Frequency
Number of participants utilizing wound care, shower, and linkage to care per day	Excel Spreadsheets daily reports	Tracking progress and making progress reports	Progress reports are used internally and for reporting to grant providers	Daily Reports, analyzing once per month
Qualitative feedback on services and resources provided and needed	Optional Google Forms for drop-in-center participants	Understanding the needs and wants of participants, and adapting accordingly.	Participants get to give staff direct feedback, impacting our strategies, and actions.	At least one survey per day, analyzing once per month
Demographics of participants	Optional Google Forms for drop-in-center participants	Understanding who we serve are in regards to race, ethnicity, age, and other identifying traits.	By understanding who we serve we can proactively create procedures to best serve.	At least one survey per day, analyzing once per month



**LIBERTY MID-ATLANTIC
HIGH INTENSITY
DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA**

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Latika Davis-Jones, PhD.
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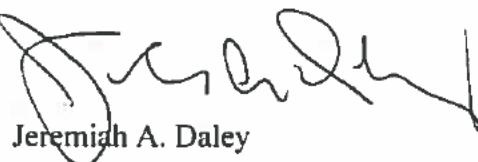
Dear Dr. Davis-Jones:

The Liberty Mid-Atlantic High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LMA HIDTA) program is pleased to offer this letter of support for the application for funding under the DDAP Substance Use Disorder Drop-In Centers initiative for Savage Sisters Recovery, Inc. As you know, while the LMA HIDTA's primary mission is to reduce the supply of controlled and dangerous substances by disrupting the drug trafficking environment in the greater Philadelphia region, we are also committed to reducing the demand for those substances and the harms they cause to individuals, families and communities. As such, we believe that the proposal of Savage Sisters is consistent with our shared goal of improving the lives of Pennsylvanians afflicted with drug dependence.

The Savage Sisters Recovery, Inc. Drop-In Center plays a crucial role in providing much-needed services and resources to Philadelphians in need. With a compassionate and dedicated team that has lived experience and an unparalleled ability to build trust and rapport with those they serve, the center (currently located in the Kensington section of the city) offers essential support, including wound care, showers, and linkage to care. These services are invaluable in helping individuals navigate the challenges they face and take steps towards recovery and stability, ultimately getting off the street, and into recovery. The center also provides a "launch-pad" for its Mobile Public Health Vans which conduct 50 outreach events monthly to other parts of Philadelphia and its surrounding counties.

We support Savage Sisters Recovery, Inc. in their commitment to serving our community with empathy, dignity, and respect. Their team's lived experience, access to and knowledge of needed resources and services, and their ability to build rapport with those they serve goes a long way in addressing the complex needs of individuals struggling with substance use and housing insecurity. We recognize the importance of supporting organizations like Savage Sisters Recovery, Inc. and the work they do in their Drop-In Center. We believe that by investing in such initiatives, we can create a stronger, healthier, and more supportive community for all. Therefore, we urge you to join us in backing Savage Sisters Recovery, Inc. Drop-In Centers vital work.

With best regards,


Jeremiah A. Daley

Executive Director



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Dear Sarah Laurel,

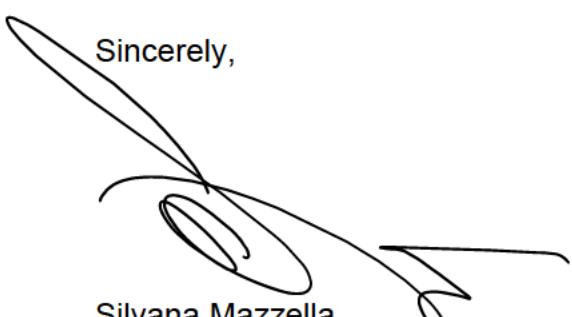
Prevention Point Philadelphia is excited to express support for the request made by Savage Sisters Recovery, Inc. to DDAP for funding to open a Drop-In Center in Philadelphia. Savage Sisters' existing Drop In Center has already proven to be a vital resource, and it is critical that we ensure the resources, services, and connections they make with Philadelphians dealing with substance use issues and housing insecurity continue.

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Sincerely,



Silvana Mazzella
Interim Lead Executive Officer
Prevention Point Philadelphia